Bra on Amiflopyrine and Its derivatives

621. SHBI BAFIQUE ALAM: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Amidopyrine has been withdrawn for marketing- in India but its derivatives are being promoted for human consumption;

(b) if so, names of its derivatives being allowed for marketing in t&e country;

(c) whether it is a fact that Mey-lers 198&, WHO Drug Information 197', Manimili 1979, y Martindale 19&2 and American Medical Association Drug Evaluations 1973 have warned the dangerous and fatal effects of these-derivatives;

(d) whether it is a fact that these derivatives are being marketed in India with tranquillisers;

(e) if so, the names of these formulations;

(f) whether it is also a fact that such combinations result severe low body temperature; and

(g) if so, what is the justification of allowing these derivatives and combinations for human consumption?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SA-RjDj KHAPARDE): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Analgin, a methanesulfonate derivative of Amidopyrine and some other derivatives of Amidopyrine are available in combination with other drugs.

(c) Agranulocytosis, a blodd disorder is reported to be a rare adverse reac tion in mmimai sensitive population of a number of analgesic/anti-inflam matory drugs including analgin.

(d) and (e) Statement annexed *(See* below)

(f) The drug is reported to be an excellent temperature lowering pain-killing and anti-inflammatory agent. As a result of its first property, if dose is exceeded, it may result In severe low body temperature.

(g) Bostons Epidemiological study, published recently have shown that the risk of agranulocytosis due to Analgin is very insignificant. As per the information available the benefit of the drug outweighs its risks, so as to justify its continued marketing.

Statement

Combinations of-Analgin with Tranquillisers marketed in the Country

S. No. Name of the Product	Composition	Marketed By
1. Codolsic Tablets.	... Analgin Bromide Diazepam	M/s. FDC, Bombay Clidinium
2. Famagin Tablets...	Analgin Diazepam	M/s. Alfcem,, Bombay
	Dia-zepam Diphenhydramine	M's. M. M. Labs., Bombay.

Licences without Verification

622. SHRI RAFIQUE ALAM: Will he Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to refer to the answer to Starred Question J94 given in the Rajya Sabha on the IBth March, 1987 and state:

(a) whether it is a fact that fresi manufacturing licences as well I renewal of licences have been gran ted without verifying quality contro

and testing laboratories as require under the Drugs and Cosmetic Rulei by Drug Authorites;